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SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, realistically, I think that's the proper way to go, but I understand, and I'd like to have you just expound just a little bit on why during this interim you've decided to go this direction. I think you touched on some of that in your opening, but I'd like to have you reiterate some of the reasons why you don't think that a fee-based system is proper or can be accomplished at this particular time.

SENATOR PREISTER: Well, thank you, Senator Vrtiska, for allowing me the chance to do that. We intended to have it, as Senator Beutler identified, as a way where those who were profiting from the materials would actually pay into this fund and that would then go to help to do the training and the planning and the preparation. We brought together people from all over the state, all over the business community, all of those folks we could identify who dealt with these hazardous materials, sat down over the interim, and it was very extensive in these meetings over the last year, specifically addressing in one of the task forces a funding mechanism, a way that everybody in the business community would agree on what the best fee-based system would be. We kind of came to loggerheads. We just couldn't come up with a system that was agreeable to the business community. I think that that would have been a fair and most appropriate approach. I certainly can't argue with Senator Wehrbein and I certainly can't with Senator Beutler that that's most appropriate, and in the committee hearing, you raised those same questions and those issues as well. When we didn't get agreement, we were faced with, do we wait another year? Do we continue kind of moving along without any real source of funding? Or do we try to do something now? And I view this as kind of a stopgap measure, and my light is on as well, so I can answer some of Senator Wehrbein's questions a little more directly on my time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, well, I appreciate that. I guess the only...the only real concern that I have, and I think it's probably going to be addressed somewhat here this morning. What's going to be the ability to wean people off of a so-called state dole. In other words, once they get this money, do you think there is, in your dealings with many of these people who are, in fact, I guess you could say the cause of the problem,